were not only mechanised but the waiting period for the applicant was reduced substantially.

The Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration has been keeping a constant vigil on the unscrupulous elements and is in close liaison with the local police to contain the situation.

Four-laning of G.T. Road

233. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the year when the work regarding four-laning of the G.T. Road was taken up and by when the project was scheduled to be completed;

(b) whether the work between Delhi & Ambala has been held up for long; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to remove the impediments and to resume the work?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The work of 4-laning was sanctioned in 1986 in the following Sections of G.T. Road (NH 1) with target dates of start and completion given against each:

Sl. No.	Section	Date of Start	& target date of Completion of contracts
1	Murthal-Karnal (KM. 50 to 130) in Haryana	1-5-87	30-4-91
2	Sirhind to Jalandhar in Punjab (Km. 252.250 – 320.478 & Km. 344.500– 700)	9-4-87	31-12-90

(b) and (c) The portion from 0 Km. to 50 Km. (upto Murthal) of Delhi-Ambala section is already 4 lane, work from Murthal to Karnal is in progress and work from Karnal to Ambala is yet to be sanctioned. The progress of work on Murthal-Karnal Section by the Contractors had been slow. The contractor to whom the work in Km. 50 to 74.8 was awarded has been expelled and tenders have been re-invited for the execution of remaining work. For the contracts in Km. 74.8 to Km. 130.00, there has been hardly any progress for over an year because of dispute between the partners of the contracting firm which is a joint-venture and action is under consideration for accelerating the progress.

Ex-gratia payment to widows of November, 1984 riot victims

234. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of ex-gratia payment announced by Government for the widows of the November, 1984 riot victims in Delhi stating the number of families eligible for the payment of the amount announced; and

(b) what is the total number of families who have since received the amount of ex-gratia payment stating the reasons for the non-payment of the amount to the remaining families, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The families of those who died in 1984 riots are eligible for ex-gratia grant of Rs. 20,000/-. Delhi Administration has reported that ex-gratia payment has been made in 2513 cases out of 2733 eligible cases. In remaining cases, the next of the kin of the deceased have not applied for ex-gratia payment.

Changing political situation in Europe

235. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development of relations between U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. during their